

Subject Line: "California E-Waste Updates: Implementing the Electronic Waste Recycling Act"

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Dear Electronic Waste Stakeholder:

This electronic newsletter is an update on the implementation of California's Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003 and other electronic waste (e-waste) management developments in California.

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CEW Payment Rates to Remain Unchanged

Collectors and recyclers in the covered electronic waste (CEW) recycling program will experience no change in the standard recovery and recycling payments rates for at least another two years. CalRecycle Director Margo Reid Brown has approved the staff recommendation to leave CEW recovery and recycling payment rates unchanged. That approval is posted on the CalRecycle Public Notice website:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Actions/PublicNoticeDetail.aspx?id=165&aiid=165>

CalRecycle was required to evaluate the adequacy of payments and decide by July 1st whether any changes were warranted. Based on the available cost data, as well as the general uncertainties associated with future CRT glass management, staff recommended that no change be made to the recovery payment rate of \$0.16 per pound, or the combined recovery and recycling payment rate of \$0.39 per pound.

The regulation that governs the payment rates can be found in 14 CCR 18660.33 and .34:
<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Regulations/Title14/Chap08pt2/Article2pt4.htm>

Workshop on CEW Revenue Needs and Consumer Fees

The CalRecycle CEW recycling program will be holding an informal stakeholder workshop to discuss future CEW recycling volume projections, expenditure implications, revenue needs, and potential consumer fee adjustments on Tuesday, June 22, 2010. This workshop will be held at the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building in Sacramento from 10:00 a.m. until approximately noon.

Because revenue from the consumer electronic waste recycling fee has been running ahead of expenditure demands, the electronic waste recovery and recycling account (EWRRRA) is currently holding a substantial fund reserve. Pursuant to statute, CalRecycle must decide prior to August 1st whether and how to restructure the fee levels to maintain appropriate and adequate funding in the EWRRRA. Any changes would take effect on January 1, 2011.

Background information for this workshop, including how to participate via a web-based audio broadcast, is available on the CalRecycle website:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Actions/PublicNoticeDetail.aspx?id=187&aiid=196>

Other Resources:

CalRecycle CEW Program Information:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Electronics/Act2003/>

CEW Payment System Regulations:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Regulations/Title14/Chap08pt2/default.htm>

Public Resources Code (PRC), Health and Safety Code (HSC), and other statutes:

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>

DTSC Universal Waste Electronics Handler Information:

<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/EWaste/>

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Please note that e-mail correspondence with the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) related to e-waste management in general, and implementation of the Electronic Waste Recycling Act in particular, should be directed to ewaste@calrecycle.ca.gov

Also note that an archive of past distributions of this newsletter is available at:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Electronics/Act2003/Stakeholder/Updates/>

Thank you for your interest in shaping California's e-waste management future.

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